(d) Information is being collected.

1400. [*Transferred to the 16th August*, 1988].

Monitoring of Food Supplies through Public Distribution System

1401. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goevrnment's attention has been drawn to the news item published in 'Hindu' on 8th July, 1988 regarding the need for "Nutritional security" with particular reference to the concern of the International Scientist, Dr. M. S. Swaminathan for monitoring food supplies through public distribution system; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in Hindu' of 8th July, 1988. The PDS built up over the years alongwith buffer stocking of foodgrains has emerged as a principal instrument of Government policy in making available food items to the common man at reasonable prices, thus making a significant contribution to the nutritional standard of the poor. Food supplies made through Public Distribution System in the country are being monitored continuously at the centre, State/UT and district levels.

Development Plan for Cities and Towns in Uttar Pradesh

1402. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of cities and towns of Uttar Pradesh for which development plans have been formulated by Government and the total amount allocated for this purpose during the last three years; and

(b) what are the details of these development plans of these cities and towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Appropriate Urban Development Plans/Projects are formulated and implemented by State Governments in accordance with their needs and priorities out of their annual plan provisions. Besides central financial assistance is provided under the two Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) and Urban Basic Service (UBS). Under IDSMT which, *inter alia*, include Land Acquisition and development, Sites and Services, Traffic and Transportation, Markets and Mandies, Low Cost Sanitation etc., 23 towns from Uttar Pradesh were included till the end of 6th Plan and 12 more have been included during the 7th Plan. Rs. 502.954 lakhs were released to U.P. during 1985-88 as instalments of Central assistance for on-going projects from 6th Plan as well as new projects. Under UBS Scheme which aims at improving the degree and quality of survival and development of children of urban low income families, eight towns in Lucknow district have been selected for project implementation during the 7th Plan. The State Government has not so far approached for any release of funds. Two World Bank assisted projects, namely Uttar Pradesh Urban Development Project and Kanpur Urban Development Project with components such as Sites and Services, Slum Upgrading, Area Development Traffic Engineering, Drainage, Water Supply and Sewerage, Low Cost Sanitation etc. are also under implementation.